

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph that bridges pages 17 and 18 as follows:

An exemplary user interface according to the present invention will now be described with respect to Figures 6-11C. In Figure 6, a main menu screen 60 associated with the user interface 40 is illustrated. Although this exemplary embodiment of a graphical user interface (GUI) according to the present invention is described in the context of a hierarchical, menu style GUI, those skilled in the art will appreciate that other user interface techniques could also be used to provide the same interface functionality. Therein, a plurality of links are provided for the user's selection to perform various interactions with the provisioning system, e.g., that described above, and/or to gather information associated with the provisioning system and the provisioned infrastructure. Although a user can select any of the illustrated links, in any order to access the lower hierarchical menus, this description will discuss the linked screens, and their associated functionality, in the order listed in Figure 6. Since the present invention is primarily concerned with graphical user interfaces for software management in an automated provisioning system, only the GUI portions associated with links 62-66 are described in detail herein. Those readers interested in other graphical user interfaces associated with automated provisioning environments are directed to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/843,767, entitled "Graphical User Interface for Viewing and Configuring Devices in an Automated Provisioning Environment", filed on an even date herewith (~~Attorney Dkt. No. 033048-013~~) and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/843,768, entitled "Graphical User Interface for Network Management in an Automated Provisioning Environment", filed on an even date herewith (~~Attorney Dkt. No. 033048-047~~), the disclosures of which are incorporated here by reference.